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- Pennsylvania State Police were investigating a possible security breach at the Shoemakersville water plant that caused officials to warn area residents not to drink tap water for 4 days. – *Reading Eagle* (See item [20](#))
- Park officials contacted 1,700 visitors who stayed at tent cabins in Yosemite National Park this summer, warning them they may have been exposed to a deadly disease that has killed two people. – *Associated Press* (See item [45](#))
- Hurricane Isaac lashed Louisiana and several other States August 28 and 29, overtopping levees and flooding homes and roads, forcing authorities to make hundreds of rescues. The storm also knocked out power to more than 725,000 people in five States. – *Raycom News Network* (See item [46](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *August 29, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Tanker driver takes 2,100 gallons of gas in N Ind.** Police in northwestern Indiana are looking for a man who posed as a gasoline delivery driver but instead stole more than 2,100 gallons of gas from a station's storage tanks, the Associated Press reported August 29. Police in Hammond, Indiana, said a clerk at a BP station told officers the tanker driver said he needed to check the tanks' fuel level. The Times of Munster reported a manager told police that with BP's recent gasoline contamination problems it was not unusual for gas to be pumped from the tanks and replaced. But this tanker did not leave any replacement fuel and drove off August 25 with what police say was about \$8,500 worth of gasoline. Two other convenience stores in Hammond reported pump tampering that resulted in 350 gallons of gas being stolen by several vehicles.
Source: http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/indiana/ap_indiana/Tanker-driver-takes-2100-gallons-of-gas-in-N-Ind_18887617
2. *August 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Ethanol plants slowed, shuttered by drought.** The drought covering much of the United States is affecting ethanol plants, with a growing number either closing or cutting back on production, the Associated Press reported August 28. The plants are reacting to spiking prices or limited supplies of corn. Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) reported that at least seven ethanol plants have been idled since summer began in Nebraska, Minnesota, Indiana, Kansas, and other States. A vice president of research and analysis for the Renewable Fuels Association said most of the industry is breaking even or losing money. The idled plants include the Central Minnesota Ethanol Co-Op in Little Falls. Plant officials told MPR it does not make economic sense to keep running. It is not clear when it will re-open.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/28/4764560/ethanol-plants-slowed-shuttered.html>
3. *August 28, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Pipeline repairs continue after leak in Palos Park.** Crews continue to clean up and repair a pipeline break in Palos Park, Illinois, estimated to have leaked nearly 44,000 gallons of jet fuel near Illinois Highway 83 and into the Cal-Sag Channel. Traffic on Illinois 83 between La Grange Road and Southwest Highway has been closed since August 25 and likely will not reopen until at least August 30 to protect crews working in the area, Palos Park police said. Authorities also shut down 7 miles of the Cal-Sag Channel when fuel from the leak made its way into a drainage ditch and then the waterway, but it was reopened August 28, officials said. Federal, State and local agencies responded, and the timeline for cleanup and site restoration likely will not be known until the week of September 2, said an official with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Air quality is being monitored and there have been no signs of negative effects on wildlife, said the EPA's on-scene coordinator. Early estimates are that less than 1,000 barrels, which equals 44,000 gallons, of fuel escaped from the pipeline. Less than 250 gallons were thought to have made it into the Cal-Sag Channel, he said. The exact amount will not be known until the pipeline is repaired and working again, allowing the company to complete meter readings, said the health, safety, security and environmental director for West Shore Pipe Line Co. The leak occurred August 27 in the Badger Pipe Line System, he said.

Owned by West Shore and operated by Buckeye Partners LP, it transfers fuels from East Chicago, Indiana, to the Chicago area and then into Wisconsin.

Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-08-28/news/ct-met-jet-fuel-leak-20120829_1_jeannie-layson-pipeline-repairs-hazardous-materials-safety-administration

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *August 29, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Evacuation in Kane after truck carrying butane overturns.** A tanker truck owned by Elkhorn Corp. carrying liquid butane crashed early August 29 in Kane, Pennsylvania, and prompted officials to evacuate a large portion of the McKean County town as a precaution. The truck overturned near the center of town and came to rest against a building. State police said there was no leak. A volunteer with the Kane Volunteer Fire Department said about 250 households were evacuated. That is about 1,000 people, or a quarter of the town's population, he estimated. He said gas and electricity would also be shut down in the evacuation area before crews from another trucking company, righted the truck and pumped the highly flammable butane from the tank. A spokesman for the State Department of Environmental Protection said a representative was dispatched to Kane to advise local hazardous material crews. He said Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency officials told him crews estimated the tanker could be by early afternoon. The evacuation order would be lifted shortly after. U.S. Route 6, which follows Greeves and North Fraley streets, was expected to remain closed until at least early afternoon. Truck traffic was being kept off of Routes 66 and 321, said a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation spokesman. The Red Cross has set up a temporary shelter at Kane High School for displaced residents. The Kane Area School District canceled classes August 29. An area of as much as a half-mile from the accident is in the evacuation area.

Source: <http://old.post-gazette.com/pg/12242/1257554-454.stm>

5. *August 28, Platts* – (Louisiana; Alabama) **Shell shutting Geismar chemical plant ahead of Hurricane Isaac.** Motiva's 255,000 barrel per day (b/d) Convent refinery in Louisiana and Shell's chemical plant in Geismar, Louisiana, shut down all process units ahead of the approach of Hurricane Isaac, Shell said August 28. The 250,000 b/d Motiva Norco refinery in St. Charles, Louisiana, and Shell's chemical plant in Mobile, Alabama, continued to operate at reduced rates, Shell said in a statement on its Web site. Motiva is a 50/50 joint venture between Shell and Saudi Aramco. Shell said all four facilities would have essential personnel on site. Shell also said it: shut August 27 the stretch of its Houma to Houston (Ho-Ho) pipeline system from Houma to DOE Junction; closed the St. James terminal in Louisiana; and shut its offshore Gulf of Mexico pipeline network the afternoon of August 27. "Operations will resume as weather conditions allow," the Shell statement said. Shell reiterated that the Capline crude pipeline, which originates in St. James, has been shut since late August 26.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/Petrochemicals/3286845>

6. *August 28, WYTV 33 Youngstown* – (National) **Sherwin-Williams recalls Tree House Acrylic Coating.** Sherwin-Williams is recalling about 17,850 canisters of Tree House Studio Clear Acrylic Matte Coating because the aerosol canister can leak, posing a fire hazard to consumers if the can is stored near a source of ignition. This recall involves 11-ounce cans of Tree House Studio Clear Acrylic Matte Coating. The product was sold in a white aerosol can with Tree House Studio logo and the name “CLEAR ACRYLIC MATTE COATING” printed on the front. The recalled items were sold at Hobby Lobby stores nationwide between July 2011 and June 2012. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled product and contact Sherwin-Williams for a refund. Source: http://www.wytv.com/news/recalls/story/Sherwin-Williams-recalls-Tree-House-Acrylic/BSyI_aMYAUWE9t9IyAr-lw.csp

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *August 28, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Entergy to shut Waterford reactor in Louisiana ahead of Isaac.** Entergy Corp said August 28 that it would shut its 1,168-megawatt Waterford nuclear station in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, as weather forecasters confirmed that Isaac had strengthened into a hurricane. The Waterford reactor was scheduled to be shut August 28, hours before high winds would reach the plant, an Entergy spokesman said. A second Entergy nuclear plant, River Bend, further north near Baton Rouge, was expected to be able to operate through the storm. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission sent additional personnel to Waterford and River Bend to assist resident inspectors. Entergy implemented severe weather procedures at Waterford and River Bend earlier the week of August 27 to prepare the sites for the approaching storm. Source: <http://money.msn.com/business-news/article.aspx?feed=OBR&date=20120828&id=15496263>
8. *August 28, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Federal memo criticizes Hanford cleanup contractor.** The company hired to design and build a massive nuclear waste processing plant at Hanford, Washington’s Hanford Site should no longer have authority over its design, according to an internal U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) memo released August 28. The memo by the DOE’s engineering director assigned to the project raises questions about a waste treatment plant project long viewed as critical to ridding the Pacific Northwest of pollutants left from decades of weapons production for the country’s nuclear arsenal. The memo noted 34 instances where Bechtel National provided information that was incorrect, technically unfeasible, or failed to provide the best value to the government, among other things, while designing the \$12.3 billion plant. The DOE said in a statement that it was reviewing the engineering director’s memo and continues to work with Bechtel to address ongoing technical issues, though

it continues to be frustrated with the lack of progress.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2019011684_apwahanfordplant1stdwritethru.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *August 28, KEYT 3 Santa Barbara* – (California) **FBI looking for ‘Armed & Ready’ bandit.** Police are searching for a man they said is responsible for a string of bank heists in the Santa Barbara, California, area, KEYT 3 Santa Barbara reported August 28. The so-called “Armed & Ready” bandit is linked to three bank robberies in Santa Barbara between May 2010 and February 2012. During the robberies, the suspect enters the bank in the morning hours wearing a ski mask and conducts a takeover style robbery.

Source: <http://www.keyt.com/news/local/FBI-Looking-for-Armed--Ready-Bandit--167770275.html>

10. *August 28, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Woman to plead guilty in large mortgage fraud.** A key defendant in a large Texas mortgage fraud ring took a plea deal for her role in a scheme that left lenders holding the bag for more than \$50 million in bad loans, the San Antonio Express-News reported August 28. The woman signed an agreement to plead guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud and, in a separate case, to one count of preparing a false tax return. The woman is the wife of a man who was the main target in Texas’ part of a 2010 nationwide mortgage fraud sweep called “Operation Stolen Dreams.” An indictment alleged the husband used several title and mortgage brokerage companies in a “flipping” scheme using straw buyers that caused lenders to dole out \$50 million in mortgages. Many of the homes were condominiums in the Dallas area, but some of the fake documents for loans were mailed to brokers in San Antonio, the indictment said. The scheme was aided by appraisers, title officers, escrow officers, mortgage processors, and others who helped submit fake documentation and data to lenders.

Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Woman-to-plead-guilty-in-large-mortgage-fraud-3821294.php

11. *August 28, The Register* – (International) **1 Million accounts leaked in megahack on banks, websites.** Hacker collective Team GhostShell leaked a cache of more than 1 million user account records from 100 Web sites over the weekend of August 25, The Register reported. The group, which is affiliated with the hacktivist group Anonymous, claimed they broke into databases maintained by banks, U.S. government agencies, and consultancy firms to leak passwords and documents. Some of the pinched data included credit histories from banks among other files, many of which were lifted from content management systems. Some of the breached databases each contained more than 30,000 records. An analysis of the hacks by security firm Imperva revealed that most of the breaches were pulled off using SQL injection attacks.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/08/28/team_ghostshell_megahack/
12. *August 24, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **FBI, police hunt for bank burglar who cut through walls in Georgetown, Woodley Park.** Washington, D.C. police and the FBI are trying to determine whether one man is responsible for an unusual string of bank break-ins in the northwest part of the District, getting inside by cutting holes in the walls of adjacent, vacant storefronts, the Washington Post reported August 24. Two break-ins occurred at the same Bank of America branch in Woodley Park May 24, 2011, and August 17, which caused significant structural damage. The latest occurred August 24 at a M&T Bank in Georgetown, forcing the branch to close August 24 and possibly August 25, a spokesman said. Police could not say if the same person committed all of the break-ins, but an FBI spokeswoman said the “methods are very, very similar.” The culprit(s) escaped empty-handed each time, police said, unable to get money from the automated teller machines that appeared to be the target. A tool was not recovered, but surveillance photos have twice captured images of a person dressed in a white waterproof jumpsuit. The jumpsuit was described by the FBI as a Tyvek suit, made by DuPont and resembling a decontamination suit.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/fbi-police-hunt-for-bank-burglar-who-cuts-through-walls-in-georgetown-woodley-park/2012/08/24/93134be0-ee10-11e1-afd6-f55f84bc0c41_story.html

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Transportation Sector

13. *August 28, Associated Press* – (National) **United suffers computer issues, delays widespread.** United Airlines passengers faced delays and long lines after its passenger reservation system and Web site failed for 2.5 hours August 28. The glitch came after a long string of technology problems that began when United merged computer systems with Continental’s in March. United acknowledged at least 200 delayed flights. The outage did not affect planes in flight. Passengers in several United hubs reported very long lines at ticket counters. During the outage, United stopped sending planes to hubs in Newark, New Jersey, and San Francisco. United said it would not charge the usual change fees for passengers on affected flights who cancelled or rebooked tickets.
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP8adca93981a54e17895913b86d83ff3c.html>

14. *August 28, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Copper thieves disable Ga. 400 cameras.** Police were looking for thieves who disabled cameras on Georgia Highway 400 to steal thousands of dollars in copper, WSB 2 Atlanta reported August 28. The cameras are around the metro Atlanta area to help Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) crews monitor and respond to traffic and hazardous conditions. August 27, thieves ripped out wires from the cameras. When cameras went black on Georgia 400 at the Chattahoochee River, GDOT got suspicious and called police. Copper thieves also stole wiring from signals at the newly reopened Mitchell Street Bridge in Atlanta. Crews were not able to get the signal to operate until they replaced it.
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/copper-thieves-disable-ga-400-cameras/nRMYR/>
15. *August 28, Toronto Star* – (New York; International) **Rogue rail car rolls undetected across bridge from N.Y. to Niagara Falls, Ont.** A rail car in the CSX rail yard in Niagara Falls, New York rolled undetected to Niagara Falls, Ontario around 1 or 2 a.m. August 12, the Toronto Star reported August 28. The car rolled across the Whirlpool Rapids Bridge before halting in the Niagara Via Rail station. Neither the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials, nor the Canada Border Services Agency noticed it until Via Rail employees reported it when they arrived at work August 13. “The incident . . . is being treated as an act of vandalism and remains under investigation,” a CSX spokesman said. He said the rail car, used to carry finished vehicles, was empty when it rolled across the bridge. Canadian National Railway (CN) police are also involved in the investigation as CN owns the property where the rail car landed. Incidents such as this are “extremely rare,” a member of the bridge commission said. A box car has never crossed undetected in his 16 years at the commission, he said. The commission is responsible for security on its three bridges, Whirlpool Rapids, Rainbow, and Lewiston-Queenston, and uses hundreds of surveillance cameras to monitor them. Since this incident, the commission installed video cameras with an alarm that goes off any time a train crosses the bridge, he added. Sensors on the American side are supposed to detect trains on the bridge and alert U.S. Customs.
Source: <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/1248438--rogue-rail-car-rolls-undetected-across-bridge-from-n-y-to-niagara-falls-ont>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *August 29, Food Safety News* – (National) **As Salmonella outbreak investigation continues, retailers recall mangoes from Mexico.** Nearly a dozen U.S. retailers have recalled Mexican mangoes for potential Salmonella contamination as federal and State health officials investigate the cause of a multistate Salmonella Braenderup outbreak that has sickened more than 100 people, Food Safety News reported August 29. The recalls come just days after Canadian health officials announced a 22-person outbreak from an identical strain of Salmonella linked to mangoes imported from Mexico. Over the weekend of August 25, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency recalled Daniella brand mangoes that were sold between July 12 and August 14. According to a roundup of retailers at eFoodAlert, Copps, Giant Food, Mariano's, Martin's Food Market, Metro Market, Pick'n Save, Rainbow, Stop & Shop, TOP Food & Drug, and Costco have all recalled Daniella brand mangoes from Mexico over concerns about Salmonella contamination. Produce importers and distributors Charlie's Produce — based in Washington State — and Splendid Products — based in California — also recalled Daniella mangoes. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention believe there are around 101 reported cases of Salmonella Braenderup that may be linked to imported mangoes. According to eFoodAlert, those illnesses have been reported in the following States: California (75), Oregon (1), Washington (6), Texas (2), and New York (3).
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/as-salmonella-outbreak-investigation-continues-retailers-recall-mangoes-from-mexico/#.UD4iFaC6TIY>
17. *August 29, Bay City News* – (California) **3-alarm fire at commercial nursery in San Jose.** Firefighters battled a three-alarm fire in a commercial nursery in San Jose, California, August 28 into August 29, a San Jose fire captain said. When firefighters arrived at Summer Winds Nursery late August 28, it was fully engulfed in flames. Due to significant amounts of pesticides, insecticides, and fertilizers, firefighters allowed the flames to burn off so that none of the hazardous materials run into the Gaudalupe River, located nearby, the fire captain said. A hazardous materials team was called to the scene to assist. Firefighters were able to control the perimeter and allow the chemicals to burn off on their own. The building was heavily damaged.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/south_bay&id=8790634
18. *August 28, Food Safety News* – (National) **Salmonella strain linked to multistate outbreak found at cantaloupe farm.** The strain of Salmonella that has now sickened 178 people in 21 States has been found on samples of cantaloupes from the southwestern Indiana farm previously suspected to be the source of the bacteria, confirming the link between the grower and the ongoing outbreak, Food Safety News reported August 28. The week of August 20, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Chamberlain Farms was the likely site of contamination, but at the time test results had not confirmed the connection. The agency collected samples at the Owensville, Indiana farm between August 14-16, and announced August 28 that “samples of cantaloupe taken from the farm have shown the presence of Salmonella Typhimurium with a DNA fingerprint that matches the outbreak strain.”

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/strain-causing-salmonella-outbreak-found-at-cantaloupe-farm/#.UD4iH6C6TIY>

19. *August 28, NBC News* – (Maryland) **Sheriff: Drunken man turns off power on poultry farm, causes death of 70,000 chickens.** A man wandering around a Delmar, Maryland poultry farm drunk turned off the power to three chicken houses, causing the deaths of nearly 70,000 chickens, according to sheriff's officials, NBC News reported August 28. The property owner who made the discovery found the man passed out on the floor of the power control shed. He told investigators that without power, the chickens will begin to die within 15 minutes. The birds, which were due to be delivered to a local processing plant the following day, were valued at \$20,000.

Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/28/13531163-sheriff-drunken-man-turns-off-power-on-poultry-farm-causes-death-of-70000-chickens>

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Water Sector

20. *August 29, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Fear of security breach prompted tap water ban; probe ongoing.** Pennsylvania State Police were investigating a possible security breach at the Shoemakersville water plant that caused officials to warn residents of the borough and Perry Township not to drink the tap water, the borough emergency management coordinator said August 28. The drinking ban went into effect August 24 and was lifted August 27 after a series of tests by the State Department of Environmental Protection and an independent testing firm determined the water met all safety levels for consumption. The steps officials took to warn residents not to drink the water were only a precaution. New security measures were implemented at the plant following the incident. Clean water was made available to residents while the ban was in place.

Source: <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=412015>

21. *August 28, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Worker found dead at St. Charles wastewater plant; cause of death uncertain.** Police in St. Charles, Missouri, were investigating after a sewer plant worker died in a sewer pit, the Associated Press reported August 28. Authorities said a man in his 50s apparently became trapped at a lift station that is part of Boschertown Wastewater Treatment Lagoons August 28. Co-workers found the man unconscious and unresponsive.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/937e9eebef0744a793ac328c2a5e1519/MO--Sewer-Plant-Death>

22. *August 28, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Hurricane Isaac causing water to overtop some sewer lift stations near Slidell.** Hurricane Isaac caused water to overtop some of the sewer lift stations in Northshore Beach, along Lake Pontchartrain near Slidell, Louisiana, according to St. Tammany Parish officials.

Tammany Utilities shut down the sewer system in that area August 28. Parish officials believed most of the citizens in Northshore Beach evacuated from the lakefront community. With regard to the latest Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes models for St. Tammany, if the current hurricane track remains in place, parish hydrologists believe the surge in Lake Pontchartrain will stay on the lower end of the prediction. However, officials warned that the stormwater leaving the lake has the potential to increase the flood inundation in central and eastern St. Tammany, as the Rigolets Pass reduces the speed of the water as it leaves the lake.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/08/hurricane_isaac_causing_water.html

23. *August 28, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Water usage restrictions lifted for Lake Jackson.** Water usage restrictions were cancelled for Lake Jackson, Texas, after herbicide was sprayed near the intake lines for the Brazosport Water Authority. The chemical, used to eradicate hydrilla, was used by Dow Chemical, which reported to the water authority it had inadvertently sprayed it too close to the water-intake area. Test results August 28 showed water samples were all within acceptable levels for any contamination. Restrictions that urged customers to avoid watering lawns or washing cars were cancelled at midnight August 29. The city's water reserve was never affected, according to the water authority. A backup test was also being performed.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8789372>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *August 29, Foster's Daily Democrat* – (Kansas; New Hampshire) **Three Kansas hospital patients linked with hep C outbreak.** Three patients treated at a Kansas hospital in 2010 tested positive for a strain of hepatitis C "closely related" to a cluster of cases in New Hampshire traced to the traveling hospital technician, the Foster's Daily Democrat reported August 29. Kansas officials notified more than 400 people in July that they may have been exposed to hepatitis C by a technician who worked at the Hays Medical Center's cardiac catheterization lab from May 24 to September 22, 2010. Samples from patients who test positive for hepatitis C will be sent to the New Hampshire Public Health Laboratory for further diagnostic testing, according to an August 10 statement from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The public health lab and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were conducting additional tests to help make comparisons between the strain from the patients and the cluster of patients in New Hampshire. The technician was accused of causing an outbreak of the disease at Exeter Hospital in Exeter, New Hampshire. Authorities believe he stole anesthetic drugs from a hospital lab, injected himself, and contaminated syringes that were later used on patients. To date, the technician and 31 former Exeter Hospital patients have been linked with the outbreak.

Source:

http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120829/GJNEWS_01/708299911

25. *August 28, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Nursing homes evacuated for Hurricane Isaac.** More than 700 nursing home patients were moved to higher ground in advance of Hurricane Isaac, the Associated Press reported August 28. The Louisiana governor said that eight nursing homes in the hurricane warning area have evacuated. The State Department of Health and Hospitals said those facilities had 745 residents. More than 40 patients also have been moved from three small hospitals in the line of Isaac.
Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/19399134/nursing-homes-evacuated-for-hurricane-isaac>
26. *August 28, Indianapolis Business Journal* – (Indiana) **Records for 55,000 patients stolen from oncology group.** The Cancer Care Group in Indianapolis said a laptop computer bag containing private information on as many as 55,000 patients was stolen. It was stolen from an employee's locked vehicle July 19, the physician group said August 28 in a prepared statement. The bag contained the "Cancer Care Group's computer server's back-up media, which contained some patient demographic information, such as name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, medical record number, insurance information, and/or minimal clinical information used for billing purposes only," the group said. The Cancer Care Group is one of the largest radiation oncology private physician practices in the country, with more than 20 oncologists. The bag contained similar data about the group's employees. The group said the bag has not been recovered, but there has been no evidence to suggest the data has been used. Patients and employees were notified of the theft. The group said it was revamping its technology storage and security procedures to prevent similar incidents in the future.
Source: <http://www.ibj.com/records-for-55-000-patients-stolen-from-oncology-group/PARAMS/article/36339>

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27. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **Personal info of more than 1,000 current and former URI faculty, some students, compromised.** The personal information of more than 1,000 current and former faculty members and a small number of ex-students at the University of Rhode Island (URI) was accessed by individuals outside the institution after being posted on a publicly shared computer server, officials said August 27. The university said the data — including names, birth dates, and Social Security numbers — appeared on a College of Business Administration server. Officials immediately shut the server down when they learned of the breach July 31. According to URI, the information put on a server was used by faculty members to upload and share course information; the server was not intended to be used for storing personal sensitive data. "We believe it was done in error. We have no evidence this was done intentionally at all," said a URI spokeswoman. The information for faculty members was loaded onto the server in March 2007.
Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/32b11b96ca084ee4a541509b6c5a47eb/RI--Computer-Breach-URI>

28. *August 27, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Security upgrades under way at municipal buildings.** Niagara County, New York, was continuing its efforts to improve security at county-owned buildings through construction of additional barriers. Work began the week of August 20 on a new security door in the hallway next to the county legislature chambers in the county courthouse to block access to the legislature chairman's and clerk's offices. The county risk management director said a similar door will be installed in the hallway on the other side of the legislature chambers leading to caucus rooms and the county mailroom. She said the projects, done by county public works employees, are part of a series of security-related improvements on county properties since the State Workplace Violence Protection Act went into effect in September 2009. "There was some hardening we needed to do," she said. "They were concerned about shootings and issues at workplaces. It was mostly because of domestic violence incidents spilling over into Social Services offices."

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/communities/niagara-county/article1024652.ece>

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Emergency Services Sector

29. *August 28, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Two suspected police impersonators in custody after chase.** KTRK 13 Houston caught the end of a chase involving suspected police impersonators August 28. Police said the chase started when the suspects evaded a traffic stop. Several police officers finally caught and surrounded the suspects' vehicle in southwest Houston. Officers found police hats and shirts, masks, and two guns, including one high-powered weapon.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8789375>

30. *August 28, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Isaac forces movement of more than 2,100 inmates from coastal parishes.** Hurricane Isaac forced Louisiana to move more than 2,100 inmates from parish facilities to more secure State prisons, Louisiana's governor said August 28. He said the inmates were moved because they were in parish jails in Isaac's path or in temporary facilities. The prisoners moved came from four parishes: Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, and Terrebonne. The movement of the inmates began in New Orleans August 26 and all of the inmates were in State facilities by August 27, officials said. Because of Isaac's presence in Louisiana, a department of public safety and corrections spokeswoman said visits to inmates have been cancelled at five prisons August 31, September 1, and September 2.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/08/isaac_forces_movement_of_more.html

31. *August 28, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Inmate dies after apparent hanging in cell at maximum-security Iowa prison, agency says.** An inmate at a maximum-security Iowa prison serving a life sentence committed suicide after hanging himself at the Anamosa State Penitentiary in Anamosa. The Iowa Department of Corrections said August 28 that he died August 24. A Department spokeswoman said the inmate was housed in a close security unit, which requires a higher level of supervision than the general population. She said prison staff responded quickly, got him down, and transported him to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead 45 minutes later. An autopsy was pending.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a8d0ce85735f452eb527c9bc29566aea/IA--Inmate-Suicide-Iowa>

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Information Technology Sector

32. *August 29, Softpedia* – (International) **Intuit security tool spam campaign making the rounds once again.** Malicious emails claiming to originate from Intuit are attempting to convince recipients they need to install a piece of software to access their QuickBooks accounts, giving them a deadline to comply. The email looks the same as an older variant that made rounds over a year ago. It seems this spam campaign has been reinitialized to steal sensitive data from Intuit customers. The message reads: “You will not be able to access your Intuit QuickBooks account without Intuit Security Tool (IST) after 31th of August, 2012. You can download Intuit Security Tool here.” The links from the email currently lead to a compromised Web site from Denmark on which the cybercriminals planted a phishing Web page. The company has warned users to avoid such emails ever since the campaign started. They highlight the fact that legitimate emails will never contain “software update” or “software download” attachments.
- Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Intuit-Security-Tool-Spam-Campaign-Making-the-Rounds-Once-Again-288864.shtml>

33. *August 29, InformationWeek* – (International) **Java zero day attack: Second bug found.** The zero-day Java attack recently discovered by security researchers, which appears to have been launched from China, is more complex than previously thought. While researchers had identified a Java 7 security-settings bug exploited in the attack, they have since found it is chained with a second vulnerability. “Most of the online analysis talks about one vulnerability, where we saw two vulnerabilities being exploited to achieve full execution on a target,” according to a blog post from a Python developer and security researcher at the information security firm Immunity. “The first bug was used to get a reference to sun.awt.SunToolkit class that is restricted to applets, while the second bug invokes the getField public static method on SunToolkit using reflection, with a trusted immediate caller bypassing a security check.” He said the bugs had to be chained together to create a working exploit. He also noted the “getField” Java bug was introduced with Java 7.0 — which debuted July 28, 2011 — and suggested a foreign nation state, or states, may have been “enjoying it non-stop for

quite some time now.”

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/security/vulnerabilities/java-zero-day-attack-second-bug-found/240006431>

34. *August 29, The Register* – (International) **‘First ever’ Linux, Mac OS X-only password sniffing Trojan spotted.** Security researchers have discovered a Linux and Mac OS X cross-platform trojan. Once installed on a compromised machine, Wirenet-1 opens a backdoor to a remote command server and logs key presses to capture passwords and sensitive data typed by victims. The program also grabs passwords submitted to Opera, Firefox, Chrome, and Chromium Web browsers, and credentials stored by applications including email client Thunderbird, Web suite SeaMonkey, and chat app Pidgin. The malware then attempts to upload the gathered data to a server hosted in the Netherlands. Wirenet-1 was intercepted by the Russian antivirus firm Dr Web, the same company that carried out much of the analysis of the infamous Flashback trojan. Dr Web describes Wirenet-1 as the first Linux/OSX cross-platform password-stealing trojan. Analysis work on Wirenet-1 is ongoing. Once executed, it copies itself to the user’s home directory and uses AES to encrypt its communications with a server over the Internet.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/08/29/linux_mac_trojan/

35. *August 28, IDG News Service* – (International) **Unpatched Java vulnerability exploited in Blackhole-based attacks.** Attacks targeting an unpatched vulnerability in the latest versions of Java 7 have become widespread after an exploit for the new flaw was integrated into the popular Blackhole attack toolkit, according to security researchers from antivirus vendor Kaspersky Lab. “The first victim regions to be hit with the Blackhole stuff were the U.S., the Russian Federation, Belarus, Germany, the Ukraine and Moldova,” a Kaspersky researcher said August 28 in a blog post. After a reliable exploit for the new Java vulnerability — now identified as CVE-2012-4681 — was released August 27, many researchers warned that cybercriminals would soon start targeting the flaw on a large scale. Kaspersky’s new report shows that the toolkit’s customers have already started using it. “Oracle needs to step it up and deliver an OOB [out-of-band] patch, which historically they have failed to do,” the Kaspersky researcher said.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/261573/unpatched_java_vulnerability_exploited_in_blackholebased_attacks.html

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Communications Sector

36. *August 28, District of Columbia Hill* – (National) **FCC prepares for communications outages from storm.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was working with federal and local officials to respond to communications outages that might occur as the southeast braces for Hurricane Isaac, the District of Columbia Hill reported August 28. An FCC official explained that cellular and landline phone providers are required to report outages to the FCC. The commission has also set up a voluntary online system, called the Disaster Information Reporting System, for broadcasters, cable providers, and other communications companies to alert officials of outages. In July, the FCC began exploring the possibility of launching flying cellular transmitters after disasters to restore service. The transmitters could be attached to unmanned drones or balloons and would take the place of disabled cell towers.

Source: <http://thehill.com/blogs/hillicon-valley/technology/246041-fcc-prepares-for-communications-outages-from-storm>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *August 29, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **HPD: Disgruntled worker bulldozes building.** A man drove a bulldozer into a building in northeast Houston where he worked and caused extensive damage, police said. The suspect was arrested August 27 after Houston police said he intentionally plowed through the front of Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers. The bulldozer also broke a water line in the building that flooded the ground floor, damaging computers and office equipment, Houston police said. Company officials said the disgruntled employee caused about \$1.5 million in total damages.
38. *August 29, DNainfo New York* – (New York) **Marriott hotel's pool chlorine sickens five people, officials say.** A lifeguard mixing chemicals at an Upper East Side hotel pool in New York City accidentally unleashed potent chlorine fumes that forced a partial evacuation of the building and injured five people August 29. Four people and a firefighter were rushed to hospitals after the incident at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel. All were in stable condition after the release, which forced hotel staff to clear the lobby and lower level, stated the hotel's director of sales. The New York City Fire Department deputy chief said the fumes came from the basement where a lifeguard was mixing chemicals.

Source: <http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20120829/upper-east-side/marriott-hotels-pool-chlorine-sickens-four-people-officials-say>

39. *August 28, KWGN 2 Denver* – (Colorado) **SWAT members shoot suspect barricaded inside motel.** A standoff at the Ramada Inn in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, ended after

several hours when police shot the suspect. The suspect barricaded himself in a room in the motel August 28 according to a Wheat Ridge police spokeswoman. About 50 to 60 people were evacuated from the property. The spokeswoman said officers saw that the suspect had a gun. SWAT members moved on the suspect and reports stated the man pointed a gun at them and they shot him. There was no word on his condition. The man was wanted on a number of charges that included identity theft and illegal financial transactions.

Source: <http://kwgn.com/2012/08/28/swat-members-shoot-suspect-barricaded-inside-motel/>

40. *August 28, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **Electrical fire causes half a million in damage to Calistoga Inn.** An electrical malfunction in a bathroom might have caused a fire at the Calistoga Inn August 28, a firefighter from Calistoga, California, said. The fire was reported at the inn, restaurant, and brewery and guests were evacuated as crews began to battle the flames. The fire damaged the inn's roof and attic, and there was water damage to the upper floors, a fire engineer said. "No one is allowed back in because some of the ceilings have been compromised," he said. Damage is estimated at \$400,00 -500,000. Twelve of the hotel's 18 rooms were occupied, mostly by couples.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/08/28/electrical-fire-causes-half-a-million-in-damage-to-calistoga-inn/>
41. *August 28, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Discovery of explosive device behind Torrance pet store causes evacuation.** An apparent explosive device was discovered behind a pet store in a busy strip mall in Torrance, California, August 28, and forced the evacuation of several nearby businesses and homes. Police responded to a PetSmart and evacuated customers and employees into the parking lot. Someone spotted the bomb in an alley behind the store and called police, said a Torrance police sergeant. With the help of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department bomb squad, police found what appeared to be an explosive device 6 inches long and less than 2 inches in diameter. The device had a fuse but no timer, the sergeant said. Police and bomb experts also searched an area near the front of a neighboring Wal-Mart and used a robot to search through trash bins. Wal-Mart employees were evacuated and sections of the parking lot were sealed off. The store does not open until September 12, so there were no customers. Many employees were on their lunch break when the store was evacuated. After detonating a second suspicious package, police declared the area safe.
Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_21421018/discovery-explosive-device-behind-torrance-pet-store-causes
42. *August 28, WUSA 9 Washington* – (Virginia) **Residents of Arlington charged with attempted manufacturing of methamphetamine after suspected meth lab found in apartment.** Police in Arlington, Virginia, said two men were charged after officers stumbled upon a suspected meth lab after they responded to a domestic dispute August 27. They were charged with attempted manufacturing of methamphetamine, police announced August 28. A spokesman for the Arlington County Police Department said when police entered the third floor apartment, they found materials commonly used for making methamphetamine. They notified the fire department and their HAZMAT team.

A captain with the Arlington County Fire Department said firefighters and HAZMAT crews partially evacuated the building. Residents of the second, third, and fourth floors were taken to safety. People were allowed to return to the second and fourth floor apartments, however, residents of the third floor who were still displaced were being assisted by Arlington County Emergency Management. So far there is no word on when the remaining displaced residents will be allowed back inside.

Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/news/article/218732/188/Men-Arrested-After-Possible-Meth-Lab-Found-In-Arlington-Apt>

43. *August 28, Reuters* – (Arizona; International) **Second accused LulzSec hacker arrested in Sony Pictures breach.** A second suspected member of the clandestine hacking group LulzSec was arrested August 28 on charges he took part in an extensive computer breach of Sony Pictures Entertainment, the FBI said. The suspect of Tempe, Arizona, surrendered to U.S. authorities in Phoenix 6 days after a federal grand jury in Los Angeles returned an indictment charging him with conspiracy and unauthorized impairment of a protected computer. If convicted, the suspect faces up to 15 years in prison. The indictment accused the suspect and co-conspirators of stealing data from Sony Corp's Sony Pictures' computer systems in May and June 2011 using an "SQL injection" attack against the studio's Web site, a technique commonly employed by hackers. The indictment said the suspect then helped post the confidential data onto LulzSec's Web site and announced the intrusion via the hacking group's Twitter account. The FBI said his co-conspirators included a confessed LulzSec member who pleaded guilty in April to federal charges stemming from his role in the attack. Following the breach, LulzSec published the names, birth dates, addresses, emails, phone numbers, and passwords of thousands of people who had entered contests promoted by Sony, and publicly boasted of its exploits. Authorities have said the Sony breach ultimately cost the company more than \$600,000.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/29/us-usa-hacking-lulzsec-idUSBRE87S03520120829>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

44. *August 28, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Wash.'s Taylor Bridge Fire 100 percent contained.** Firefighting officials said a wildfire that destroyed dozens of homes in central Washington was completely contained after 2 weeks, the Associated Press reported August 28. Spokesmen for the Taylor Bridge Fire, which happened east of Cle Elum, announced full containment August 28. The blaze that started August 13, burned more than 36 square miles, about 75 miles east of Seattle. The number of firefighters was reduced from hundreds to just 40, who continued working within the fire perimeter. Authorities confirmed 61 homes and 35 outbuildings were destroyed, and about 7 other properties were damaged. The fire started near a bridge construction site, though the exact cause remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/28/4766245/washes-taylor-bridge-fire-100-percent.html>

45. *August 28, Associated Press* – (California) **Yosemite officials say 1,700 visitors risk disease.** Tent cabins of Yosemite National Park in California have become the scene of a public health crisis after two visitors died from a rodent-borne disease following overnight stays. August 28, park officials sent letters and emails to 1,700 visitors who stayed in some of the dwellings in June, July, and August, warning them that they may have been exposed to the disease. Four people contracted hantavirus pulmonary syndrome after spending time in one of the 91 “Signature Tent Cabins” at Curry Village around the same time in June. The illness is spread by contact with rodent feces, urine, and saliva, or by inhaling exposed airborne particles. After the first death, the park sanitized the cabins and alerted the public. However, officials did not know for sure the death was linked to Yosemite or the campsite until the Centers for Disease Control determined a second visitor, a resident of Pennsylvania, had died. August 26, health officials with the National Park Service sent out an alert asking public health authorities to be on the watch for more potential rodent-related cases of acute respiratory failure. Yosemite receives 4 million tourists a year from around the world, and national park officials were trying to determine if the warning should be expanded to include foreign countries.

Source: <http://www.14news.com/story/19391197/2nd-person-dies-of-hantavirus-after-yosemite-visit>

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Dams Sector

46. *August 29, Raycom News Network* – (Louisiana; Southeast) **Isaac downgrades to tropical storm.** Hurricane Isaac was downgraded to a tropical storm the afternoon of August 29, but remained a threat to life and property on the Gulf Coast, said the National Hurricane Center (NHC). Louisiana’s governor said the levee in Plaquemines Parish may be intentionally breached to relieve flooding. He said there was no estimate on when they may breach. The slow-moving storm caused water to start pouring over the top of the parish levee before daybreak August 29. There were around 150 calls for rescue from rising flood waters in the parish, according to CNN. A total of 75 people were rescued in Braithwaite, while at least 25 more waited on rooftops and in attics. The overtopped levee stretches 18 miles from Braithwaite to White Ditch. CNN reported more than 8,000 National Guard personnel were at the ready for relief operations, and at least 4,100 people were in shelters. CNN reported more than 673,000 total had lost power across five States. Additional mandatory evacuations were ordered. The National Weather Service predicted dangerous storm surges and flood threats in southeastern Louisiana to last through August 29 night. The overtopped levee was left out of the federal rebuilding of the levee system, although the parish was fortifying it before Isaac hit. The NHC predicted rainfall totals between 7 to 14 inches for much of Louisiana, southern Mississippi, southern Alabama, and the extreme western Florida panhandle. However, totals could reach 20 inches in harder hit areas. The NHC said high winds could cause isolated tornadoes. It predicted water levels could reach 6 to 12

feet above ground in Mississippi and southeastern Louisiana; 3 to 6 feet in Alabama south-central Louisiana; 2 to 4 feet in the Florida panhandle and Apalachee Bay; and up to 3 feet on in the remainder of the Florida west coast. Storm surges of 11 feet were recorded in southeastern Louisiana. In New Orleans, all levees, pumping stations and flood gates were holding as expected. CNN reported a barge broke loose due to winds reaching over 60 mph. The barge hit three unoccupied passenger ships in the area. A 47-foot boat sunk in the accident. CNN also said at least 12 intersections in New Orleans proper have flooded since the storm first ht the city. Several bridges were also shut down due to storm conditions.

Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/19403429/isaac-pours-over-gulf-coast-prompts-flooding>

47. *August 29, Stevens Point Journal* – (Wisconsin) **McDill Dam to be fixed, transferred to Lake District in April.** The McDill Pond Dam in Whiting, Wisconsin will be repaired and transferred to the McDill Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District by April 15, 2013, the Stevens Point Journal reported August 29. The repairs are needed to fix a leak in the dam discovered in June 2011 when the pond was drawn down. Stevens Point, Portage County, and the lake district agreed to split the repairs three ways, including a \$25,000 contingency for cost overruns. The plans were approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A DNR grant will pay for \$255,596 of the more than \$600,000 repairs. The bulk of the work is expected to be completed by November 16, and the project officially would close April 15, 2013, when ownership would be handed over to the lake district. The pond could be filled after that.

Source:

http://www.stevenspointjournal.com/article/20120829/SPJ0101/308290322/McDill-Dam-fixed-transferred-Lake-District-April?odyssey=nav|head&nclick_check=1

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